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**COUNCILMEMBER DJOU:  
CREATIVE THINKING NEEDED ON TRAFFIC,  
TIME TO CONSIDER TAXES ON EXCESS VEHICLES**

With over 150,000 new cars added to Hawaii's roads each year, Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) introduced revenue-neutral legislation to increase the vehicle tax on ownership of three or more vehicles per household. The increased revenues for excess vehicles will be offset with lower taxes on the first two vehicles per family and a reduction in the cost of a monthly bus pass.

"I am proud of my reputation for fighting tax increases, but I am also proud of working to find common sense solutions to our public policy challenges. By reducing the cost of a monthly bus pass and cutting taxes on the first two vehicles per household, by increasing the tax on every third or more household vehicle, we can hopefully do something about Honolulu's traffic woes," stated Councilmember Djou. "I look forward to a full and rich discussion on equitable taxation of vehicles in the context of fixing our traffic problems."

Djou's bill was introduced in the Honolulu City Council this morning. Some legislators, including Rep. Joe Souki (D-Maui), have suggested similar legislation at the state level.

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